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Council on Aging Minutes 05/16/2002

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Richard Murray, Chair
Mary Dodge, Vice-Chair
Shirley Chapski, Secretary

Annual Meeting of the Council on Aging May 16, 2002
MINUTES

Members Present: Richard Murray, Mildred Hurd, Harry McCabe and Shirley Chapski.

Members Absent: Mary Dodge, Robert Bowes and Dorothy Nicholas

Others Present: John Jope, COA Executive Director

Quorum Identification/Call to Order: Richard Murray, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Shirley Chapski kept the minutes. A quorum of 4 was present.

Minutes of the April 18, 2002 Meeting: Harry moved to receive the minutes of the April 18, 2002 meeting; Mildred seconded. Harry moved and Mildred seconded to approve the minutes for purposes of discussion with the following corrections: p. 1, Par. 4, Minutes of the March 21, 2002 Meeting, line 2: after the words, "A quorum of...", insert the number "6", and on p. 1, Executive Director's Report, item 3, line 2, after the words, "movie will," insert the words, "be shown soon," and on the same line after the words, "The fee," insert the words, "for the license..." On page 2, Paragraph entitled, New Business, line 1: after the words "scheduling conflict," insert the words, "with John's schedule." Harry moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Shirley seconded. All in favor.

Richard stated that his goal for this meeting was to talk about two important issues: COA Transportation and The Sevyan Bequest.

REPORTS

Transportation Study Report: John distributed his report, entitled COA Transportation Program Review & Update, dated May 2002 for the Board's study with the expectation that the Transportation Committee will work with him over the summer to resolve certain issues, such as out-of-town van transportation and reimbursement, and make recommendations to the Board at the September meeting. Richard tabled discussion of John's report until Harry distributed and explained a spreadsheet he had devised, entitled,

Income & Expense Report: Model for Demonstration Purpose Only, dated 5-14-02. Harry asked John to prepare a narrative report to enhance each mode on Harry's demonstration model. Richard returned to the discussion of John's transportation review and said it should be tabled until Sept. Harry suggested both documents be tabled until Sept. John suggested that at the June meeting we firm up that the Transportation Committee will meet through the summer. Harry moved to table the subject of COA Transportation until next month's meeting; Shirley seconded. All in favor.

Executive Director's Report

°John reported on a meeting with Patsy Kraemer regarding the FY03 Budget proposal released by the House Ways and Means Committee to further reduce formula grant money. If the proposal passes, additional COA funding would be sought from other sources. John sent a memo on 4/29/02 to Rep. Jim Marzilli asking him to support Rep. Ruth Provost's floor amendment to restore level funding.

Recess: Harry moved to recess in order to hold a meeting of the Sevyan Bequest Committee; Mildred seconded; all in favor.

Sevyan Bequest Committee (SBC):

Harry said that on behalf of the SBC he is recommending the votes taken at the January 8, 2002 SBC meeting for adoption by the Council. Harry moved and Mildred seconded that the following Vote #1 be accepted for discussion:

"To allocate up to \$10,000 from the Charles Sevyan Charitable Trust fund to establish a dental reimbursement program for low-income elders, who meet certain guidelines, provided that the Council approve a written proposal for such a dental program which will be drafted by John Jope and his staff and presented to the Council for approval."

Richard moved to accept the above recommendation of the Sevyan Bequest Committee taken at its January 8, 2002 meeting; Mildred seconded. All in favor

Harry next recommended to the Council Vote #2 taken at the January 8, 2002 meeting of the SBC and moved to accept it for discussion; Mildred seconded.

"That the Sevyan Bequest Committee recommends to the Council on Aging that at the end of each fiscal year of the Sevyan Bequest Trust Fund and the accrued growth (interest, dividends and capital gain/loss) of the previous fiscal year has been determined, that no more than 50% of the growth be made available for appropriation for programs of the Council on Aging, and, further, that the remaining 50% of the growth be retained in the Trust Fund for compounding by reinvestment with the Trust Fund balances."

Richard asked that the recommendation be amended as follows: line 2 - insert "December 31, before the words "the end of each fiscal year" Harry moved and Mildred seconded to accept the above recommendation as amended. All in favor.

Harry distributed copies of the April 9, 2002 minutes of the SBC to the Board for recommendation. John next distributed a document Starting a Dental Care Subsidy Program: Update, dated May 2002. Harry moved to receive John's document; Mildred seconded; all in favor. Richard instructed the committee to come back with a program that is acceptable to everyone at next month's meeting. The next SBC meeting is May 21, 2002.

Finance Committee:

- ° John reported on a revised format for the Budget report. It is now a 2-page report with numbered lines.
- ° Discussion ensued regarding the new account, "Sevoyer Pilot Dental Program," and whether or not it could be an interest-bearing account. John will get an opinion on this.

COA Representative to Minuteman Senior Services: Mildred read a document, designated, "Local Share," dated May 6, 2002, from the Minuteman Senior Services to the Town of Arlington which gives the Town's annual assessment of \$8747 for the period July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Day: Richard reported that at next month's meeting a Town Day committee will be formed.

Election of Officers for 2002-2003: Richard Murray, Chairman, and Shirley Chapski, Secretary, agreed to serve another year and Richard will be in touch with Mary Dodge to determine if she is willing to serve as Vice Chairman. Harry moved to reelect all of the officers; Mildred seconded. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

° Memo to John Jope from Attorney Alex Moschella re House Budget Outside Section 49 [Replacing G.L. c. 118E §21(c)] Changing Medicaid's policy towards "community spouses" which under present law is "Assets First" to the pre 1995 policy of "Income First." Richard suggested the Board send a letter to Jim Marzilli endorsing Alex Moschella's position supporting "assets first" rather than "income first." Richard asked John to call Elder Affairs to ask if they are supporting this. Harry moved to receive the correspondence, Mildred seconded. All in favor.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Harry moved to adjourn; Mildred seconded. All in favor. Adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Shirley Chapski,
Council Secretary

Date of next Meeting, June 27, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.